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(54) **Organic electroluminescent device with stabilized cathode.**

(57) An organic electroluminescent device is disclosed which is protected from dark spot formation. The device is comprised of, in sequence, a support, an anode, an organic electroluminescent medium, and a cathode. The cathode contains a plurality of metals, at least one of which is a low work function metal other than an alkali metal. Overlying the cathode is a protective layer comprised of a mixture of at least one organic component of the organic electroluminescent medium and at least one metal having a work function in the range of from 4.0 to 4.5 eV capable of being oxidized in the presence of ambient moisture.

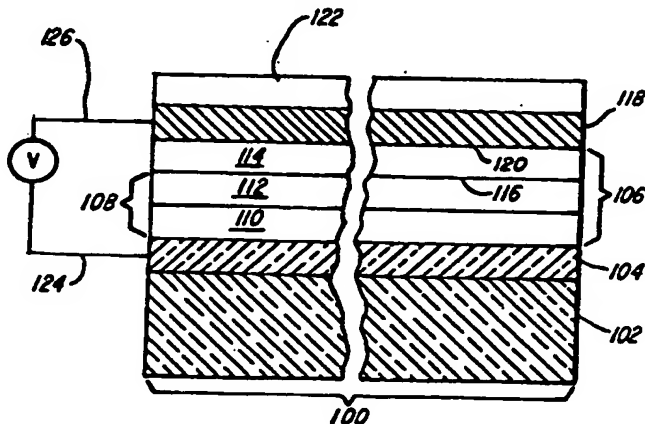


FIG.1

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